

The Foundation Wet with Blood

Key Verse: Revelation 13:8

“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

Introduction: The Eternal Slain

Before the first atom of matter was summoned from nothing, before the Spirit moved upon the face of the deep, and before the morning stars sang together, a transaction of infinite gravity had already taken place in the mind of God. The Lamb was not an afterthought to the Fall; the Fall was not a surprise to the Lamb. In the eternal counsel of the Godhead, the moment God set the foundations of the earth, the Lamb was slain. Think upon this wonder: The earth was consecrated—set apart, hallowed, and made stable—not with water, nor with gold, but with the blood of the Lamb, shed in the decree of God before Adam ever breathed. The very dust beneath your feet, in a mystical and divine sense, rests upon a redemptive act. If the foundations of a building are laid in concrete, the foundations of the world were laid in blood.

I. The Meaning of Foundations

Scripture speaks often of foundations. A foundation is that which bears weight. It is the hidden strength upon which everything visible stands. If the foundation be corrupt, the whole building falls. If it be unstable, the walls crack. This is why the Psalmist, in a moment of holy terror, cried out:

Psalm 11:3 – “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

Without a blood-sprinkled foundation, the righteous have no standing ground. Satan’s great aim is to sever your soul from the cross that was erected before the world began. But God’s great act was to pour out the blood of the covenant onto the bedrock of creation itself.

II. The Old Testament Pattern: Blood on Every Foundation

The Lord taught Israel this truth through shadows. Observe the lives of the patriarchs and kings. They understood that no ground is holy, no dwelling secure, and no altar accepted

unless the foundation is first wet with blood. Consider Abraham, the father of faith. Wherever that wandering pilgrim went—Shechem, Bethel, Hebron—he did not first raise a tent peg; he first built an altar. He consecrated the very soil of the Promised Land with sacrifice. The foundation of his inheritance was not a deed from the Hittites, but the blood of a ram.

Genesis 12:7 – “And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.”

That altar required blood. Abraham was laying the foundation of a nation not with treaties, but with the slain victim. The land of Canaan was consecrated before it was ever conquered. Centuries later, Solomon built the Temple, the glorious house of God. But note well: He did not dedicate it with a prayer alone, nor with singing only. He drowned the foundation in blood.

2 Chronicles 7:4-5 – “And the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.”

Twenty-two thousand oxen! A river of blood. Why such excess? Because Solomon knew that the foundation of the place where God would dwell with man must be so saturated with blood that every stone, every pillar, every threshold would cry out, “Forgiveness is here, but only through death.” Yet there is also a sober warning. When men reject the blood, they rebuild foundations under a curse. In the days of Joshua, after the fall of Jericho, a terrible pronouncement was made:

Joshua 6:26 – “And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.”

Whoever tries to lay a foundation without the blood of the Lamb—whether a city, a career, a marriage, or a theology—builds upon his own firstborn. That is, he sacrifices his own flesh for a structure that will fall. The only safe foundation is the one already laid by God, which is Jesus Christ.

III. The One True Foundation: Jesus Christ

The apostle Paul, that master builder, declares this with absolute clarity:

1 Corinthians 3:11 – “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

But what does it mean that Jesus Christ is the foundation? It means that His death is not merely an event in history; it is the eternal architecture of salvation. This is precisely what Paul quotes from the Old Testament, applying it to the New Testament church:

Ephesians 2:20 – “And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.”

The cornerstone is the first stone laid. If Jesus is the cornerstone, then He was laid in the quarry of eternity, cut out without hands, and placed into the soil of our fallen world at Calvary. Yet Calvary was only the unveiling of what was true before Adam fell. The Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world.

IV. The New Creation: Consecrated by His Blood

Therefore, when you are born again, you are not entering a new experiment. You are being grafted into the eternal, blood-consecrated order of God. The new birth, the new heaven, and the new earth all rest upon the same foundation: the blood of the Lamb.

1 Peter 1:18-20 – “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.”

Do you see it? You were foreordained in the same moment the Lamb was slain. Your salvation is not a patch on an old garment; it is a new creation built upon a foundation that has been wet with blood for all eternity. And what is this new creation?

2 Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

That new creature is a microcosm of the new heaven and new earth. And just as the first earth was mystically consecrated with the Lamb’s blood in the decree of God, so the new earth will be literally washed in it.

Revelation 21:1-2 – “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the

holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

That Bride, that City, has foundations. And of those foundations, it is written:

Revelation 21:14 – “And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

Not the lion, not the king—the Lamb. The whole eternal city rests upon the work of the slain One.

V. You Are a New Foundation in Christ

Now, hear me, child of God. If you are in Christ, you yourself become part of this foundation. Not as the Cornerstone, but as a living stone. Peter writes:

1 Peter 2:4-5 – “To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”

Your life is a new foundation stone laid into the wall of God’s eternal temple. But here is the question that must burn in your soul today: Is your foundation still wet with His blood? Do you remember the morning you first believed, when the blood of Jesus seemed to splash upon every corner of your heart? Or have you allowed the dust of worldliness, the dry rot of religious habit, and the sand of self-righteousness to cover that blood?

Conclusion: Keep the Foundation Wet

Let us not forget what Abraham knew: wherever you go, build an altar. Let us not forget what Solomon knew: the house of God requires a river of sacrifice. Let us not forget the curse of Jericho: any foundation laid without blood will cost you your firstborn. We are a new foundation in Christ through His blood. The new heaven and the new earth are coming, but even now, you are a colony of that country. Therefore, daily return to the cross. Daily plead the blood. Daily wash your foundation in the Lamb.

Do not let the blood dry up in your memory. Do not let the cross become a doctrine instead of a deluge. The Lamb was slain before the world was framed. That same Lamb stands today, as though He had been slain (Revelation 5:6). And He says to you: “I have laid your foundation

in my own veins. Do not build with wood, hay, or stubble. Build with the gold of grace, the silver of suffering, and the precious stone of my blood.”

Hebrews 9:22 – “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”

Let us pray that the foundations of our lives, our families, and this church may never be dry. Let them be wet—washed, soaked, saturated—with the blood of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.